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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/679,802  
Our Docket # F-209

Enclosed please find a response to the January 21, 2003 Office Action in the above referenced application.

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1. Petition for Two Month Extension of Time to Respond (1 page);
2. Amendment Transmittal Letter (2 pages);
3. Amendment in Response to January 21, 2003 Office Action (9 pages); and
4. Courtesy copy of Request for Approval of Proposed Drawing Corrections enclosing five (5) sheets formal drawings (7 pages).

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Title: **POSTAGE METERING SYSTEM HAVING THIRD PARTY PAYMENT CAPABILITY**

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTIONS**

Official Draftsperson  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 PO BOX 1450  
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Sir:

Attached hereto for consideration by the Examiner are five (5) sheets of formal drawings including Figs. 1-3, 4a, 4b and 5, which has been modified to address the informalities noted. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is being presented herein by this amendment to the drawings. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review and approve the proposed drawing corrections attached hereto.

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants at (203) 924-3180.

No fee, is believed due with this response other than the fee paid with the concurrently filed petition for extension of time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-209.

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the mailpiece is a business return mailpiece provided by the payee, the business return mailpiece including space to receive the indication of the third party payment.

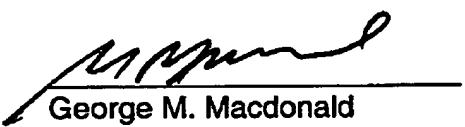
13. The method of claim 12, further comprising the step(s) of:  
providing a business return mailpiece for use as the mailpiece, the business return mailpiece including space to receive the indication of the third party payment.

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In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-209.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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